

My Worst Blunder

FAMOUS BONEHEAD PLAYS ON MAJOR LEAGUE DIAMONDS

Explained by Leading Baseball Players to

HUGH S. FULLERTON

By JAMES RYAN.

Former Outfielder Anson's Famous White Stockings, Who Was Regarded as One of the Greatest Players Ever Known.

That fellow who wrote about the best laid plans of mice and men going on the blink would have made it a lot stronger if he ever had played baseball. I am certain that the worst blunders in baseball, the worst "bone-headed" plays ever made, must have been good plays gone wrong. Maybe even John Anderson's famous slide to second with the bases filled could be explained if John wouldn't get so sensitive whenever the subject is mentioned.

I'll never forget my worst mistake, and it was on a par with that of Doc Rice. Anson told Doc to watch for a chance to get rid of a ball that was in play, because the cover was getting wet and slippery, and he told Doc to pretend to let it slip and get a new ball into the game. Doc waited until the bases were filled, and seen that the ball was getting greasy, let it slip over the grand stand.

Mine was funny—only I didn't dare laugh. I think it was the season of '92. We looked pretty good that spring and were giving them a battle all along the line, and we really began to think we might become winners again. We went down to New York for a series on the old Polo grounds. The Giants in those days weren't very much, and we expected to make a cleaning up that would put us into the race as a real contender, so we went out on our toes to win every game. The first one was a beauty. I think Jouett Meekin was



Jas. Ryan.

pitching against us, at least it was one of those pitchers that always troubled us whenever we needed a game and was easy when nothing depended on us. We were going fine and battling them for every inch of ground, and in the ninth inning with one out New York was one run to the bad and had one of the slowest men on the team on second base, with Black Bill Clark at the bat. Clark was perhaps the slowest runner in the entire league and I figured that if he hit in my direction there wasn't a chance for the runner from second to score, and that I'd try to make a play regardless of him. I came forward a few steps. The old Polo grounds sloped back of first base, and the field was short and downhill, so that balls came down there fast after they passed the base line, and even if they got past they hit the bleachers and did not do much damage, so a player could afford to take chances.

Clark hit hard and straight at me—he was a dead right field hitter anyhow. I saw I could reach the ball on the first bounce and decided like a flash to make a desperate effort to throw the runner out at first. I took the ball on the first bounce and without looking at all I cut loose at full speed for first. Clark was coming down the line at about the speed of a traction engine, and the ball was beating him by twenty feet. Then, to my horror, I saw Anson with his back turned to me, covering first base and watching the plate. He wasn't expecting the ball at all. The ball was 'way ahead of Clark, but it hit Anse in the middle of the back, bounced off onto foul ground and rolled so far the runner scored on second. Clark wallowed down to second, and a couple of hits sent him home and beat us.

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Developing Pitcher Groom. Griffith is going to make a pitcher of Bob Groom. The tall twirler from Belleville, Ill., is a better pitcher today than he has been since joining the Senators, and all because Griffith has used judgment in handling him. Until this spring Groom stood discredited. Neither his manager nor his teammates had the slightest confidence in him.

AN ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the granting by the City Council of Alexandria to the person or corporation hereinafter named, the right of franchise to lay and maintain a single track railway on Royal Street from the south side of King Street to the south side of Franklin Street, with suitable curves, switches and connections to connect with the track now laid and operated by the Washington-Virginia Railway Company on King Street, and to erect, construct and maintain the necessary poles, fixtures and wires on, over, under and along the said street, and to run and operate over and upon the track to be so laid, cars operated and propelled by electricity or other motive power than steam.

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Section 9. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage, and shall be subject to the approval of this ordinance by the Mayor of the City of Alexandria. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the City of Alexandria to cause to be advertised once a week for our successive weeks in a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, Va., a draft of the ordinance contained in the foregoing section, and in addition he shall in such advertisement invite bids for the right or franchise to lay and maintain a single track railway on Royal Street from the south side of King Street to the south side of Franklin Street, with suitable curves, switches and connections to connect with the track now laid and operated by the Washington-Virginia Railway Company on King Street, and to erect, construct and maintain the necessary poles, fixtures and wires on, over, under and along the said street, and to run and operate over and upon the track to be so laid, cars operated and propelled by electricity or other motive power than steam.

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VIRGINIA.
In the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, on the 23rd day of May, 1912.
NANNIE BYRD WIDGON vs. JOSEPH T. WIDGON. In Chancery.
Memo. The object of this suit is to obtain for the complainant, Nannie Byrd Widgon, an absolute divorce from the defendant, Joseph T. Widgon; and that she be allowed to resume her maiden name of Byrd; and for such further and general relief as to equity this cause that the defendant, Joseph is right.

It appearing by an affidavit filed in this cause that the defendant, Joseph T. Widgon, is a non-resident of this State. It is Ordered, That said defendant appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this City.

VIRGINIA.
In the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, on the 23rd day of May, 1912.
GRACE ELIZABETH TAYLOR YERKES vs. ARTHUR WATTS YERKES. In Chancery.
Memo. The object of this suit is to obtain for the complainant, Grace Elizabeth Taylor Yerkes, an absolute divorce from the defendant, Arthur Watts Yerkes; and for such further and general relief as to equity this cause that the defendant, Arthur Watts Yerkes, is a non-resident of this State.

It is Ordered, That said defendant appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this City.

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LAE C. RAMSBURG vs. WELTY O. RAMSBURG. In Chancery.
Memo. The object of this suit is to obtain for the plaintiff a divorce from and board from the defendant upon the grounds of wilful desertion and abandonment; and when the said wilful desertion and abandonment has been for more than three years, the plaintiff is entitled to a divorce, with the right to resume the plaintiff's maiden name.

It appearing by an affidavit filed in this cause that the defendant, Welty O. Ramsburg, is a non-resident of this State. It is Ordered, That said defendant appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this City.

VIRGINIA.
In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, on the 23rd day of May, 1912.
ALBERTA TOWLES MERRITT vs. ALBERTA TOWLES MERRITT. In Chancery.
Memo. The object of this suit is to obtain for the complainant, Alberta Towles Merritt, an absolute divorce from the defendant, Alberta Towles Merritt; and for such further and general relief as to equity this cause that the defendant, Alberta Towles Merritt, is a non-resident of this State.

It appearing by an affidavit filed in this cause that the defendant, Alberta Towles Merritt, is a non-resident of this State. It is Ordered, That said defendant appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this City.

CLASSIFIED ADS.
STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.
The meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Asphalt Block and Tile Company will be held at 197 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, June 3, 1912, at two o'clock, p. m., to elect a Board of Directors and to do any other necessary business.
W. A. H. CHURCH, President.

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